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Naples, *Nov.* 10.

FRom *Sicily* we have advice that the French have beſieged the *Scaletta* by Water and Land, and that the place is in danger of being loſt; and at the ſame time we have confirmation of their having taken *Tauormina*.

Genoua, *Nov.* 15. From *Provence* they write, that a new Convoy was ſailed from *Thoulon*, with Proviſions for *Meſſina*, but that having met with very bad weather, they had been obliged to put into the Iſlands of *Hieres*. On Monday laſt the Cardinal *Bonzi* parted hence on the Galley which this State had lent him for his tranſportation, his Eminence haſting his departure the more for that he is to be preſent at the opening of the States of *Languedoc*, of which he is Preſident. The ſame day the Cardinal of *Retz* likewiſe parted hence, taking his journey by Land through *Milan* and *Piedmont*. Theſe Seas are very much infeſted by the Corſairs of *Barbary*, who have of late taken ſeveral Prizes.

Ditto Nov. 20. All the news we have at preſent here is, that the French in *Sicily* have taken the *Scaletta*.

Florence, *Nov.* 17. They of the Spaniſh party are very much troubled at the news we have at preſent here, that the French in *Sicily* have not only made themſelves Maſters of *Tauormina*, in which was a Gariſon of 800 Men, under the command of the Count of *Prato*, who is accuſed of being corrupted by the French, and delivering the place up to them, when he was ſufficiently in a condition to have defended it, but likewiſe that they have taken the *Scaletta*, a place of great importance for its ſtrength and ſcituation. From *Rome* they write, that the Pope had with the uſual ſolemnity taken poſſeſſion of *St Jean de Lateran*; That he had written very earneſtly to the Moſt Chriſtian and Catholick Kings to exhort them to Peace, but at the ſame time had written to the King of *Poland* to animate him to continue the War againſt the Turks, and not to make Peace with them unleſs they reſtore *Caminiec*, which was formerly a Biſhoprick. But from *Venice* they tell us, that a Gentleman was paſſed through that City being ſent expreſs by the King of *Poland*, to give the Pope an account of the Peace he hath concluded with the Ottomans, much to the advantage of the Kingdom, eſpecially conſidering the poſture his affairs was in.

Venice, *Nov.* 24. The Senate having taken notice of the great loſſes ſuſtained by the Merchants of this State by the Corſairs of *Barbary*, who frequently meet with and make Prizes of their ſhips, have as it's ſaid reſolved, that for the future no ſhip of any conſiderable burthen and lading ſhall be permitted to ſail without a Convoy, and that a certain number of Men of War (towards the maintaining of which the Merchants are to contribute ſo much *per Cent.*) may be able to take care of all the ſhips that ſail from hence, which they cannot do unleſs they ſet out at certain times, and in Fleets; That no Merchant ſhip ſhall go out from hence till the beginning of *May*, by which time all the ſhips that are deſigned abroad muſt be ready, to part with their Convoys to the ſeveral Ports to which they are bound, where they are not to remain to unlade and lade again till the beginning of *September*, when the ſaid Convoys will be ready to attend them home.

Dantzicke, *Nov.* 15. According to our laſt advices the Queen of *Poland* was parted from *Janowitz*, to go and meet the King at *Leopol*, where his Majeſty was expected in his return from the Army. The Turks in conformity to the Treaty lately concluded had ſet at liberty all the Priſoners they had taken this Summer, which it's ſaid amounts to ſeveral thouſands of poor Chriſtians, who are thus redeemed from a perpetual ſlavery. The 12 of *January* a general Dyet is to be held at *Cracow*, where the ſaid Peace muſt be ratified.

Vienna, *Nov.* 22. To morrow the Emperor begins his journey towards *Paſſaw*, to celebrate his marriage there the 14 of the next Month with the Princeſs of *Neuburg*. The Ambaſſadors and other Foreign Miniſters do not follow his Imperial Majeſty thither, but will expect here his return with the Imperial Bride about the latter end of *January*; the Prince of *Neuburg* is parted from hence; as is likewiſe the Prince of *Dietrichſteyn*, on his way to *Neuburg*. A Courier arrived from the Port brings among other things an account of the ſickneſs of the Grand Viſier, to that degree that his recovery is almoſt deſpaired of, which it's believed hath much contributed to the Peace lately concluded with *Poland*. We are told that ſeveral Regiments are ordered to march towards *Hungary* to quell the Rebels there, who become the more conſiderable, for that it's ſaid they are aſſiſted from abroad.

Strasburg, *Nov.* 27. The Imperial Troops have now wholly quitted our Neighborhood, and are marched towards *Franconia* and *Suabia*, and will have their Head-quarter at *Eſſingen*, where the Duke of *Lorrain* arrived yeſterday. His Highneſs has left a good Body of Troops in *Rhinfelden*, *Fribourg*, *Offenbourg* and other neighbouring places, which may be drawn out and employed as there may be occaſion. The Prince of *Monbelliard* means it ſeems to keep his reſidence at *Baſle*, while the French continue their Gariſon in his place of *Monbelliard*. We now ſee how vain and ill founded the ſeveral reports were that have been frequently ſpread abroad of the French intending to abandon *Haguenaw* and *Deuxponts*; there are in thoſe places very good Gariſons, who will it's feared be very troubleſome this winter to the neighbouring Countreys.

Ratisbonne, *Nov.* 28. We are told that the States of the Empire aſſembled here have received a Letter lately from the Suiſſe Cantons, in which they aſſure them, that they will not permit any more Levies to be made in their Territories, for the ſervice of the Crown of *France*, &c. upon which it hath been reſolved in the ſaid Dyet, that a Letter of Thanks ſhall be returned to the ſaid Cantons. The Duke *Adolphus* Prince Palatin of *Deuxponts*, and Unkle to the preſent King of *Sueden*, being arrived here, made a viſit the 22 inſtant to the Imperial Commiſſioner the Biſhop of *Aichſtadt*, who the next day returned the Complement, and that afternoon